

ABSTRACT

The invention provides ligating clips for surgical use which have antimicrobial or antibiotic properties. More particularly, the ligating clips have antimicrobial and/or antibiotic agents either in a coating or provided within the material from which the clip is manufactured. The invention also provides a method for inhibiting the growth of or killing microorganisms by coating a ligating clip or ligating clip applying instrument with an antimicrobial or antibiotic coating composition or incorporating an antimicrobial or antibiotic coating into the material from which the ligating clip or ligating clip applying instrument was made.